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**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** A method of making [[a]] an animal chew toy comprising the steps of:

treating a hide; said treating further including the steps of defatting, depilating, splitting, rinsing and sun-drying;

expanding the hide;

piece cutting and moisturizing the hide;

preparing an inner filling;

extruding the inner filling;

combining the hide and the inner filling;

shaping the combined hide and inner filling;

drying the pressed and combined hide and inner filing.

**Claim 2 (previously presented):** The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of overcoating the dried, pressed and combined hide and inner filling.

**Claim 3 (previously presented):** The method of claim 2 wherein the step of overcoating is smoking.

**Claim 4 (previously presented):** The method of claim 3 wherein the step of overcoating is dipping and drying.

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**Claim 5 (previously presented):** The method of claim 3 wherein the step of overcoating is a savory smoked bacon flavor coating comprising:

beef, 49-51% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
natural molasses, 17-19% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
liquid smoke, 11-13% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
soy protein, 6-8% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
wheat gluten, 5-6% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
propylene glycol, 5-6% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
beef marrow, less than 1% by weight powdered dehydrated;  
and brewers yeast, less than 1% by weight powdered dehydrated.

**Claim 6 (previously presented):** The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is comprised of:

beef, 28-30% by weight;  
wheat flour, 15-17% by weight; and  
soy flour, 13-15% by weight.

**Claim 7 (currently amended):** The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is comprised of:

wheat gluten, 28-30% by weight;  
glycerine, 12-14% by weight;  
rice flour, 12-14% by weight;  
sweet rice flour, 11-13% by weight; and  
chicken meal, 8-10% by weight[[:]];  
~~fennel seed powder, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~dill seed powder, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~sodium tripolyphosphate, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~chlorophyll, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~peppermint oil, less than 1% by weight, and~~  
~~parsley herb oil, less than 1% by weight.~~

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**Claim 8 (currently amended):** The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is comprised of:

wheat gluten, 44-46% by weight;  
~~glycerine glycerin~~, 22-24% by weight;  
~~powdered at least one dehydrated vegetables vegetable~~,  
approximately 19-21% by weight; and  
~~deionized water, 4-6% by weight[[:]]~~  
~~gelatin, 3-5% by weight,~~  
~~lecithin, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~sodium diacetate, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~fennel seed powder, less than 1% by weight,~~  
~~dill seed powder, less than 1% by weight; and~~  
~~sodium tripolyphosphate, less than 1% by weight.~~

**Claim 9 (currently amended):** The method of claim 8 wherein the at least one powdered dehydrated vegetables vegetable ~~is comprise one or more vegetables selected from a group consisting of: carrots, potatoes, celery, beets, parsley, watercress, and spinach;~~

**Claim 10 (previously presented):** The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes pressing.

**Claim 11 (previously presented):** The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes twisting.

**Claim 12 (previously presented):** The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes knotting.

**Claim 13 (new):** The method of claim 9 wherein the at least one vegetable is powdered.

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**Claim 14 (new):** An animal chew toy comprising:  
an outer casing comprising rawhide and  
an inner filling comprising wheat gluten, glycerin,  
and a portion of at least one powdered vegetable  
selected from a group consisting of carrot,  
potato, celery, beet, parsley, watercress, and  
spinach.

**Claim 15 (new):** The animal chew toy of claim 14 wherein the  
rawhide comprises pork hide.

**Claim 16 (new):** The animal chew toy of claim 14 wherein the  
rawhide comprises cowhide.

**Claim 17 (new):** A animal chew toy comprising:  
an outer casing comprising rawhide and  
an inner filling comprising gluten, glycerin, rice  
flour and chicken meal.

**Claim 18 (new):** The animal chew toy of claim 17 wherein the  
rawhide comprises pork hide.

**Claim 19 (new):** The animal chew toy of claim 17 wherein the  
rawhide comprises cowhide.